GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6058
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DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to encourage drip sprinkler irrigation system with a view to boost agricultural production;

(b) if so, whether any experiment has been made in any state;

(c) if so, whether the Government have sought any foreign technology in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Agriculture, Horticulture Division is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Macro Management in Agriculture Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts" through work plans under which the State Governments can take up programmes for as per their felt needs and requirement. Activities like Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation for horticulture crops are also covered under the scheme.

(b) Experiments on plasticulture applications including drip irrigation are being conducted through 17 Precision Farming Development Centres, located at different agro-climatic regions of the country.

(c) No.

(d) Not applicable.